(c) if so, what is the number of cases of corruption which have come to light till date and the number of officers and employees found guilty and the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) State Bank of Indore has reported that one complaint against as officer of its Green Park (New Delhi) Branch and two complaints against an ex-officer of its Connaught Circus (New Delhi) Branch have been received by it recently. The Bank has further reported that it is conducting investigations into these complaints and the details of officers|employees found involved|guilty will be known only after the investigations have been completed.

Raids conducted by CBI at the residential premises of officers of State Bank of Indore

3504. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that officials had conducted raids during 1981 to March 1984 at the residential premises of senior officers of the State Bank of Indore at Indore and Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of incriminating documents seized by the CBI; and

(d) what action has been taken against the officers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decline in tea-export to United States

3505. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian tea exports to the United States have fallen in the first quarter of current financial year considerably; if so, the quantum of fall and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether there has been any decline in tea exports to U. S. during last one year, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir,

(b) As per the figures of shipment licences issued by Tea Board, our exports of tea to USA during 1987-88 was 1085 tonnes less as compared to during 1986-87. The main reasons for this decline is the overall decline in import of tea by U.S.A. during 1987 to the extent of more than 10 million kg. as compared to 1986.

Terrorists bid to obtain Chinese Arms

3506. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any reports that top sikh terrorist leaders staying in Pakistan have developed contacts wiih Chinese officials to help them in supply of fresh consignment of arms;

(b) whether the same is also corroborated by contents of a letter written by Wassam Singh Zaffarwal to Sukhdeo Singh Jhamke and intercepted by security agencies in Punjab; and

(c) whether there have been meetings recently between Zaffarwal and undercover Chinese officers in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no confirmed report.

(b) A letter written apparently by Wassan Singh in which it is mentioned that the Chinese have promised to do something has been recovered.

(c) There is no information.

Import of Non-essential Items

3507. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to curb import of non-essential items in view of sharp growth of imports compared to comparatively low growth in exports during first two months of current financial year; and

(b) if so, the particular items whose imports are to be restricted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The Import Policy is kept under constant review to curb non-essential imports and necessary modifications are made from time to time keeping in view the changing situation.

Export of electronics and electrical goods

3508. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electronics and electrical goods worth more than Rs. 300 crores are being currently exported per year in the form of components and in assembled forms;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of these goods exported both in private and public sectors during the last two years; and

(c) what are the main items which have earned the country the highest foreign exchange and what incentives are being given to this trade for the export of electronics/electrical goods for the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The main items of exports include electric storage batteries, conductors and cables, power generation, transmission and switching equipment, electrical appliances, instruments, electronic, components control instrumentation, professional electronic equipment, consumer electronic items and computer software. The exports consist of components and assemblies made out of these components from both the Public and Private Sector. Data is not, therefore, as such maintained in regard to exports exclusively from each Sector.

The incentives which have already been extended to this trade include the facility of import replenishment Licence, Cash Compensatory Support, Duty Drawback, Direct Tax benefits besides duty free imports of capital goods and production inputs under the Scheme of Export Processing Zone and 100 per cent Export Oriented Units. Duty Free import of inputs is permitted under the scheme of advance licensing scheme. Special schemes have been formulated to encourage the export of computer software permitting the import of hardware at concessional rates of import duty, exemptions from the MRTP Act and unified clearance procedures for projects.